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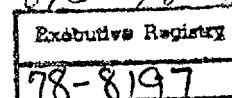
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Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D. C.



Dear Admiral Turner:

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence will be addressing a broad range of complex substantive and resource intelligence issues. To assist us in this difficult task, a broad appraisal of the Intelligence Community -- its strengths and weaknesses -- would be most helpful.

Accordingly, it is requested that you provide the Committee a substantive briefing which focuses on the following:

- An evaluation of the Community's performance during the past year, highlighting major substantive accomplishments;
- Key U.S. decisionmakers' needs which are or will impose new or increased demands on intelligence;
- Gaps or limitations in our current capabilities to respond to these needs; and
- The implications of these factors on the scope and thrust of intelligence over the next five years.

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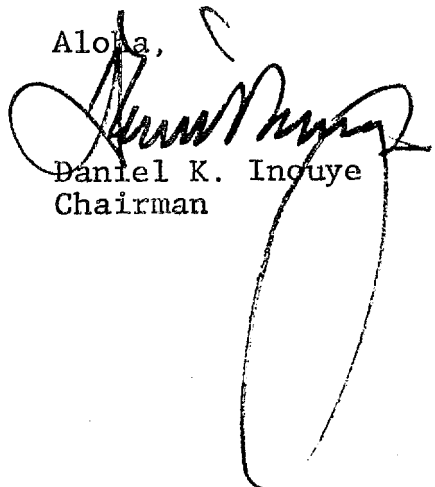
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The annual worldwide round-up briefing normally provided to the Congress is not entirely appropriate to the Committee's needs in this case. We would like to focus on your assessment of the Community's past performance, and the implications of U.S. foreign policy objectives on the Intelligence Community's ability to respond to policymakers' substantive needs in the future.

If possible, we would like this presentation before commencing the annual budget authorization process, * to enable us to better relate performance and substantive needs to resource requirements.

We would appreciate it if your staff could be in contact with the Staff Director to arrange for a mutually convenient time.

Aloha,


Daniel K. Inouye
Chairman

** Per his letter of 23 Jan DCI requested
to present NFIP Overview 21 Feb.*

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